

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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5 obligations may continue.
See Instruction 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Atkinson, Owen			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PremierWest Bancorp PRWT			6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ____ Director _____ 10% Owner ____ X Officer (give _____ Other (specify title below) below) Sr. Vice President		
(Last) (First) (Middle) 503 Airport Road			3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)			4. Statement for Month/Year October 24, 2002		
(Street) Medford, OR 97501						5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)		
(City) (State) (Zip)			7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned								
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	3. Trans- action Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Owner- ship Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Owner- ship (Instr. 4)
Common Stock						2,000	D	
Common Stock						4,300	I	By IRA

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
							Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
			Code	V	(A)	(D)								
Stock Option (062002v) (right to buy)	\$7.060	06/20/2002	A	V	3,000		(1)	06/20/2012	Common Stock	3,000		3,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

See attached statement

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.
See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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/s/Gordon E. Crim

** Signature of Reporting Person
Gordon E. Crim, Attorney in Fact for
Owen Atkinson

10/24/2002

Date

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Explanation of responses:

- (1) Beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date, the options vest 20% each year.